The Cradle of the Sea

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HEY!

HEY! EXCUSE ME!

WAKE UP!

SORRY. THANKS FOR HELPING ME OUT ALL THE TIME.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

YOU GIVE ME TIPS, ANYWAY.

I'VE GOT SOME BEER FROM THE STORE.

CLACK

STARE

Tch.... he's an impertinent brat...

HOW ABOUT SOME EXTRA MONEY, THEN?

Ha ha!

I DON'T REALLY HAVE ANYTHING FOR YOU THIS TIME.

IT CAN'T BE VERY FUN FOR YOU. I MEAN, PHYSICAL LABOR LOOKS HARD, AND STUFF.

BUT WHY ARE YOU SELLING BEER ON A BARGE LIKE THIS?

I WONDERED THIS BEFORE,

NOT REALLY.

AND I LIKE THE ATMO-SPHERE HERE.

BEING ABOARD A SHIP IS A LOT OF HASSLE, WITH ALL THE GOSSIP AND THINGS. HERE, I HAVE NO WORRIES, AND NOBODY BOTHERS ME.

SFX: CLANG X3, CLONG X2, CREAK X3, SPLASH

WELL, TIME FOR WORK.

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SFX: PUFF X4

HEY! ANYBODY SELLING BEER?!

SFX: CHUG X2

POLING OUT IS TOO SLOW THESE DAYS.

'SCUSE US!

WE'VE GOT YOUR BEER! RIGHT HERE!

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HEY!

SFX: BOOM, CHUG X6

OTHER THAN THOSE JERKS, ANYWAY.

"HERE, I HAVE NO WORRIES, AND NOBODY BOTHERS ME."

SFX: CHUG X 4

WH... WHAT'S GOING ON?!

IT STOPPED! IS IT BUSTED?!

HEY, WHAT ARE WE SUP-POSED TO DO?!

GAAH?!

SFX: BOOM

CLACK

WHAT ARE YOU...

TOSS

PUT THIS INTO THE CHIMNEY AND CLEAN OUT ALL THE ASHES!

TAP

CLICK

ブシュカッ..

OH, IT'S JUST THE CHAIN, HUH?

THEY HAVEN'T BEEN TAKING CARE OF IT.

SFX: PFSSSSSH

SFX: CHUG X 6

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HEY!

LEND ME A HAND, WILL YOU? I'LL TELL YOU WHAT TO DO.

BABBLE

YOUR CRANK'S LOOKING PRETTY OILY, TOO. IT'S SMITH-MADE, RIGHT? IN THAT CASE, YOU SHOULD MAKE SURE YOU'VE GOT A 5-POINT...

BABBLE

Ah.

IT'S WORKING!

THE ASH STOPPED IT UP AND THE CHAIN SLIPPED OFF.

THANKS!

I DON'T REALY GET IT, BUT YOU'RE AWESOME! WHO IN THE WORLD ARE YOU?

NEVER MIND. SEE YOU!

TAP

SFX: HONK X2

SFX: HONK

SFX: HONK

I'M...

MISSING

THAT SHIP'S NEW.

IT'S DE-PARTING!

IN PAR-TICULAR.

CLENCH

NOBODY...

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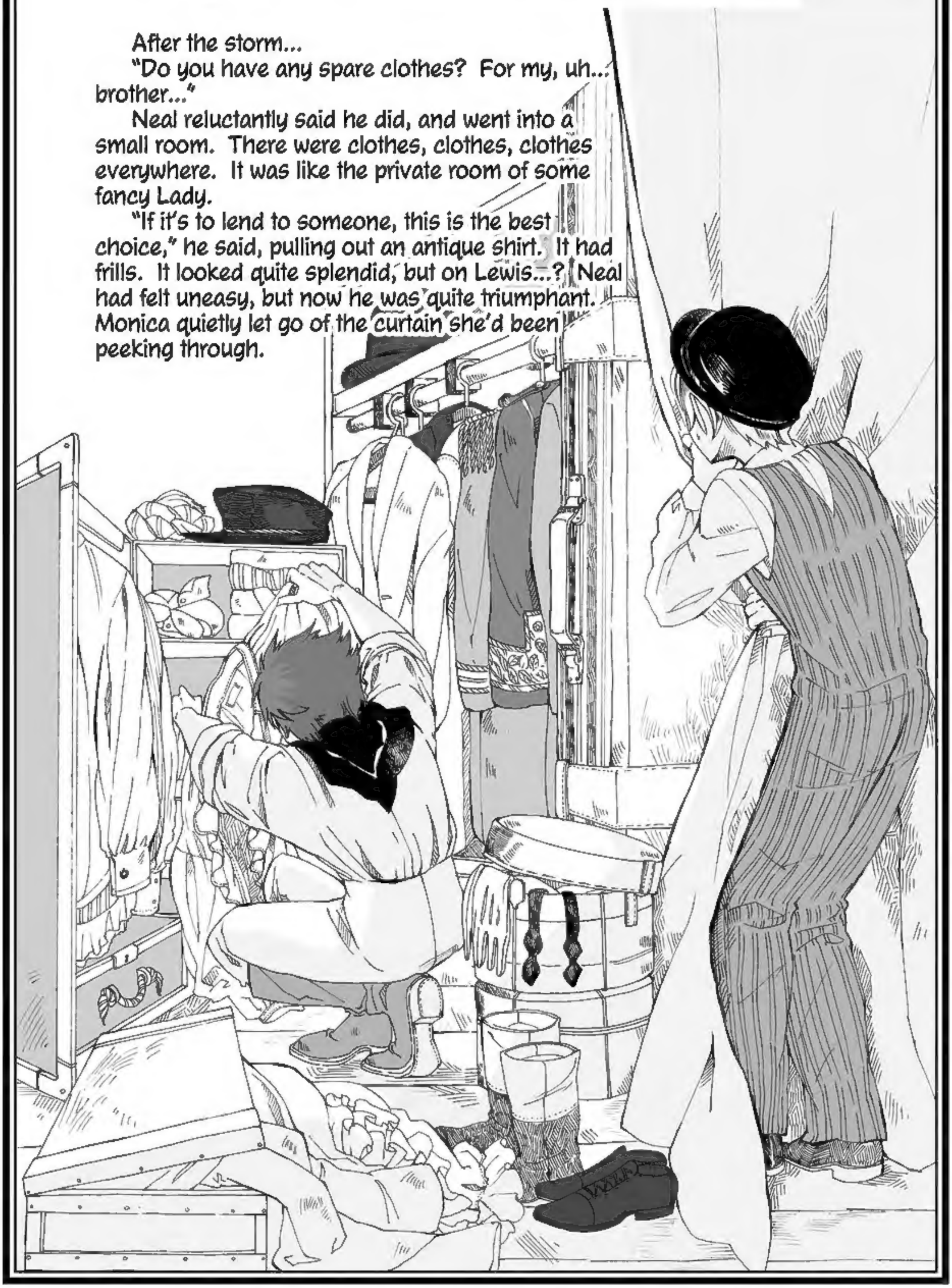
Their Thoughts at the Time, Chapter 12

After the storm...

"Do you have any spare clothes? For my, uh... brother..."

Neal reluctantly said he did, and went into a small room. There were clothes, clothes, clothes everywhere. It was like the private room of some fancy Lady.

"If it's to lend to someone, this is the best choice," he said, pulling out an antique shirt. It had frills. It looked quite splendid, but on Lewis...? Neal had felt uneasy, but now he was quite triumphant. Monica quietly let go of the curtain she'd been peeking through.



"Want some cocoa?" Tony shared his cocoa with Evan, who was sitting in his lap.

"You seem quite comfortable with kids," Lewis said.

"I have a lot of younger brothers and sisters," said Tony.

"More, please!" said Evan. He had already drunk everything.

"There isn't any more cocoa. How about booze? When I was your age, I was already guzzling it down," Schmidt joked.

"Sorry for keeping you waiting, you hungry guys!" said the server, arriving with heaping plates. There was colcannon, stew, soda bread... It was a feast for Evan's eyes.

This was just before Monica was dragged off by Neal.

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Their Thoughts at the Time, Chapter 14

"Can you look after him until I get back?" Lewis planned to leave Evan in the care of the beer-drinkers.

"Little guy!" A huge, round hand joyfully grabbed Evan.

"Shouldn't he take his brother with him?" Charles sharply pointed out.

"Morris'll probably come back soon."

"It doesn't seem like it. Why don't you take him with you?"

"He might get lost. That would be bad."

"Then why not wait for Morris to get back?"

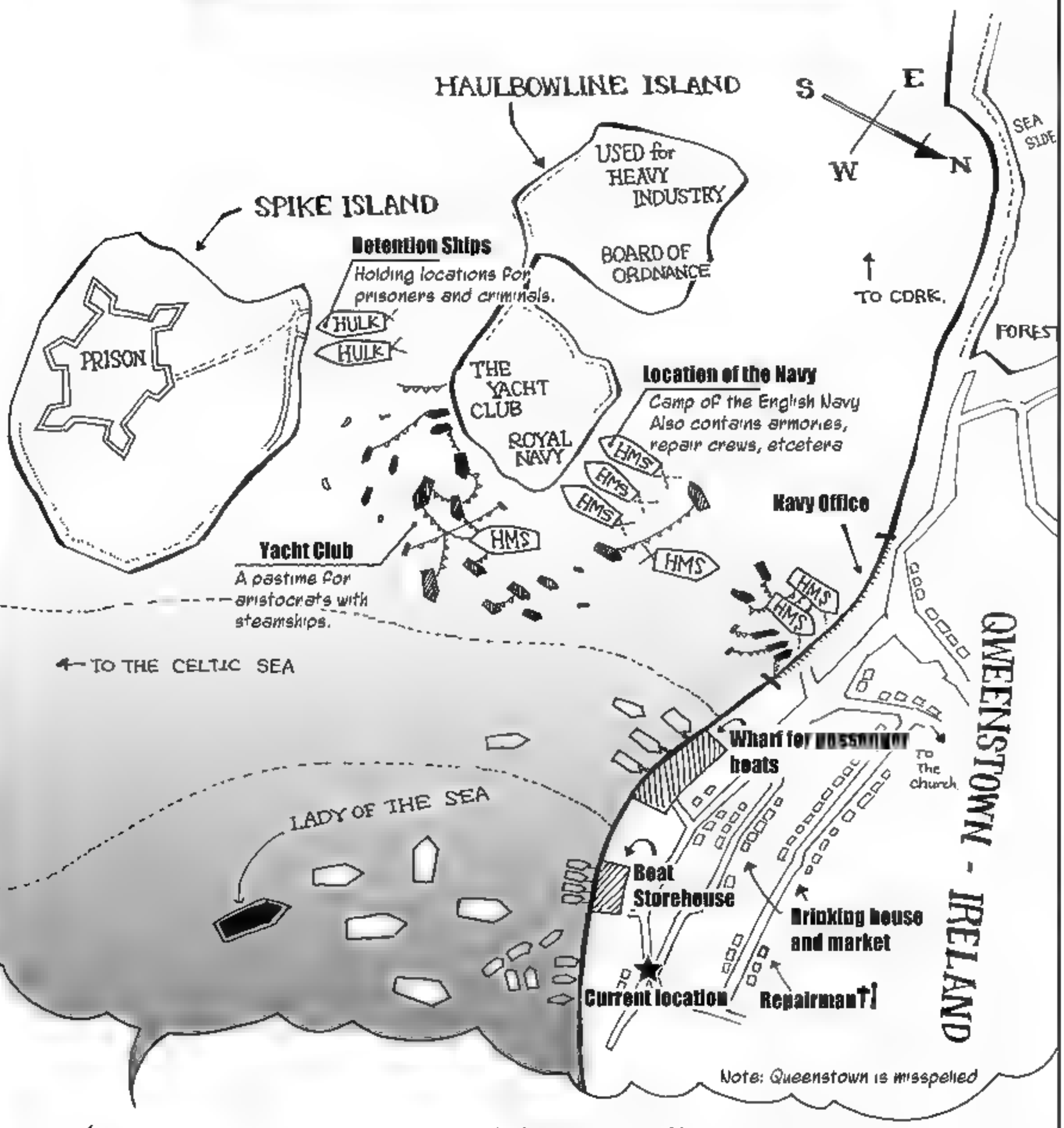
It was puzzling.

We should have thought this through before we disembarked, Lewis thought.

"I'll come right back." But he'd only taken half a step when Evan grabbed him.

A short while later, a man with artificial limbs was seen leaving the drinking establishment. His steps were less steady than usual, and a small creature was clinging to his back.

SFX: SPIN



"Where are we?" As they left the boat storage area, Monica's eyes went wide.

Lewis, who had been aboard a ship before, had been to Queenstown, and explained the layout of the town to her.

"So then, the drinking house is that way, right?" Monica pointed East, her voice certain.

"No, it's over there." Lewis pointed north.

A few minutes later, they repeated the conversation as she became disoriented again. It was clear that Monica was a person with absolutely no sense of direction.

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After returning with the parts from the repairman, Tony spent four hours struggling with the engine. Thinking he'd give up, he went in search of his friend.

"You back, then?" Schmidt said, easily descending to the deck.

"Neal still hasn't come back. What does he think he's doing, playing hooky like a common sailor?"

Neal, Morris, and Lewis... Tony thought about this.

"Hey, Schmidt. About Morris. Do you think..."

"Woof!"

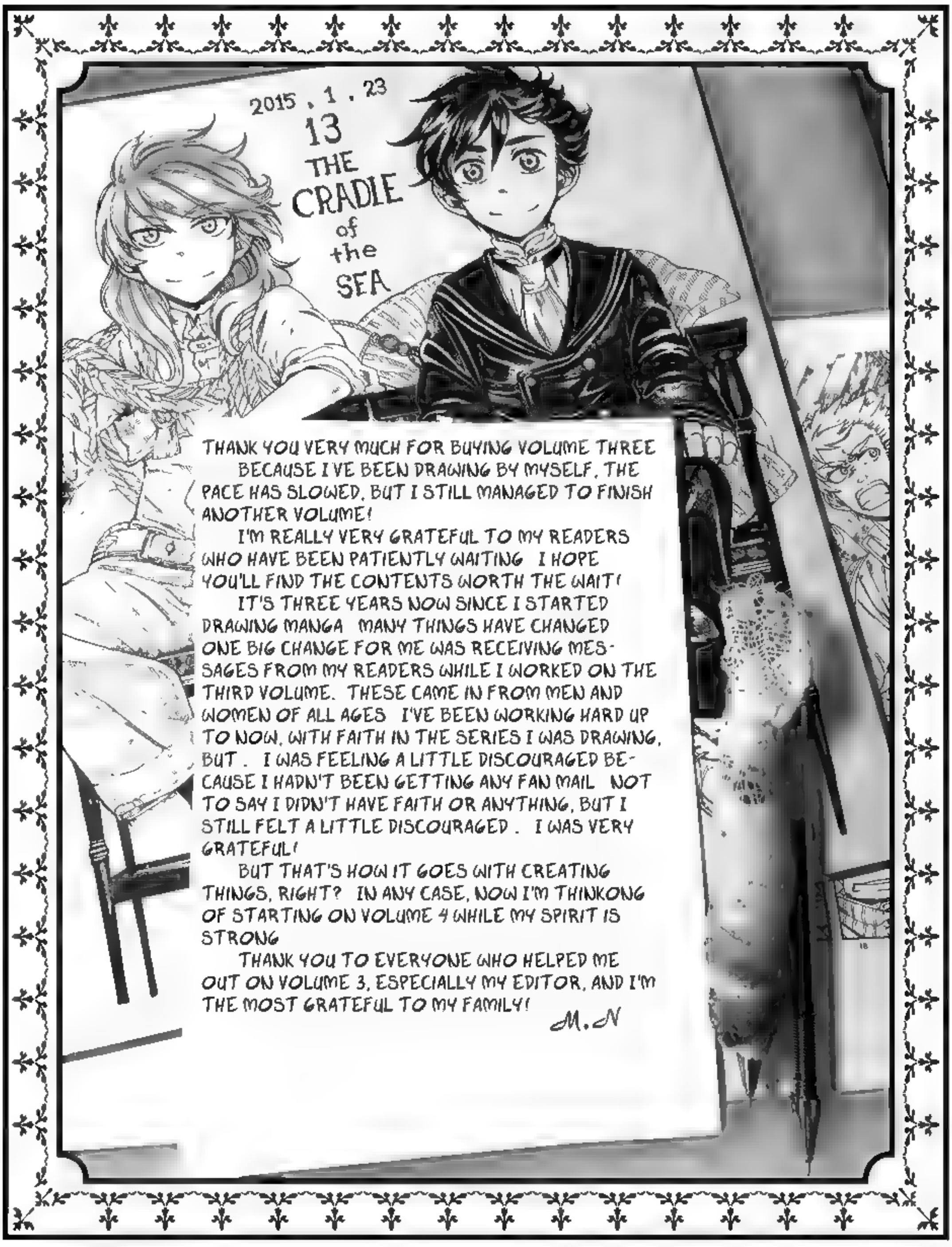
A dog's bark cut off what Tony had been about to say.

A small boat with nobody in it had pulled up alongside. A single bulldog was sitting there, as though enshrined.

SFX: TAP X2

SFX: SWISH

Afterword



THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BUYING VOLUME THREE

BECAUSE I'VE BEEN DRAWING BY MYSELF, THE PACE HAS SLOWED, BUT I STILL MANAGED TO FINISH ANOTHER VOLUME!

I'M REALLY VERY GRATEFUL TO MY READERS WHO HAVE BEEN PATIENTLY WAITING I HOPE YOU'LL FIND THE CONTENTS WORTH THE WAIT!

IT'S THREE YEARS NOW SINCE I STARTED DRAWING MANGA MANY THINGS HAVE CHANGED ONE BIG CHANGE FOR ME WAS RECEIVING MESSAGES FROM MY READERS WHILE I WORKED ON THE THIRD VOLUME. THESE CAME IN FROM MEN AND WOMEN OF ALL AGES I'VE BEEN WORKING HARD UP TO NOW, WITH FAITH IN THE SERIES I WAS DRAWING, BUT . I WAS FEELING A LITTLE DISCOURAGED BECAUSE I HADN'T BEEN GETTING ANY FAN MAIL NOT TO SAY I DIDN'T HAVE FAITH OR ANYTHING, BUT I STILL FELT A LITTLE DISCOURAGED . I WAS VERY GRATEFUL!

BUT THAT'S HOW IT GOES WITH CREATING THINGS, RIGHT? IN ANY CASE, NOW I'M THINKONG OF STARTING ON VOLUME 4 WHILE MY SPIRIT IS STRONG

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED ME OUT ON VOLUME 3, ESPECIALLY MY EDITOR, AND I'M THE MOST GRATEFUL TO MY FAMILY!

M.N

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次巻予告

レディ号は外洋に向けて
出航するが!?

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